

REMARKS

Responsive to the Office Action mailed August 20, 2008, Applicants provide the following. The claims have been amended without adding new matter. Specifically, originally filed claims 1-22 have been canceled, and new claims 23-38 have been added without adding new matter. Therefore, sixteen (16) claims remain pending in the application: Claims 23-38. Consideration of claims 23-38 in view of the amendments above and remarks below is respectfully requested.

By way of this amendment, Applicants have made a diligent effort to place the claims in condition for allowance. However, should there remain any outstanding issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned at (858) 552-1311 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §101

1. Claims 1-22 are rejected under statutory type double patenting under 35 U.S.C. §101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 1-22 of U.S. Patent No. 6,803,607 (Keong).

Claims 1-22 have been cancelled. Therefore, the rejections of claims 1-22 are rendered moot.

New Claims

2. Newly submitted claims 23-38 are believed to be allowable because they are directed to that which is not shown or suggested in prior art. Support for the new claims can be found throughout the application as filed. For example, support for claims 23-38 can be found with respect to at least FIGS. 1, 3A-B, 4A-B and 7, and the corresponding descriptions of FIGS. 1, 3A-B, 4A-B and 7. Therefore, no new matter has been added by the addition of new claims 23-38, and Applicants respectfully request that claims 23-38 be examined.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that the above amendments and remarks place the pending claims in a condition for allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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